

MANISTEE AREA P.E.G. COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 1997

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Manistee Area P.E.G. Commission was held on September 17, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Balcer, K. Fenstermacher, A. Morin, T. Kaminski, M. Bajtko, G. Carlson

MEMBERS ABSENT: N. LeMire

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Donnan (Administrative Assistant), Lorraine Conway (Mayor), Ben Bifoss (City Manager), Cliff Edwards, Tex Collins

The November 10 meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by K. Fenstermacher. Ms. Fenstermacher welcomed Glen Carlson as the new member appointed by City Council to the PEG Commission. Minutes from the October 8 meeting were not available to review and accept.

Members discussed extending the Operator's Contract. K. Fenstermacher noted City Council authorized the PEG Commission to extend a contract to Sunset Productions until July 1, 1998. The extended contract would follow all of the provisions of Sunset's 1996-1997 Operator's Contract and would also require approval from Filer Township. Donnan noted she had received a letter from Edwards requesting Sunset receive \$150 per week for the 30-90 day time period in which they will continue as the Channel 2 Operator. Edwards informed PEG members that Sunset does not wish to remain Operator of Channel 2 for more than 90 days after November 1, 1997. Mr. Edwards also noted the \$150 request was to cover the maintenance and supplying of equipment to operate the channel. In lieu of these options, a motion was made by M. Bajtko to let Channel 2 go blank. The motion was supported by K. Fenstermacher and passed with a 3-2 vote. Donnan noted she would give this recommendation to City Council for them to discuss at their November 18, 1997 meeting.

PEG members discussed whether or not they would meet in December. All members were in favor of taking a hiatus in December and meeting on January 28, 1998.

Discussion focused upon researching the costs associated with acquiring the necessary equipment to operate Channel 2. K. Fenstermacher read a letter received by Mark Carlson outlining suggestions on equipment needed to run the channel. Ms. Fenstermacher appointed a sub-committee to conduct research on the total costs of operating a station with City-owned equipment. Members appointed to this committee are Glen Carlson, Frank Balcer, and Kathy Fenstermacher. Donnan and Fenstermacher will meet to organize a meeting schedule for the committee.

Air time request forms were reviewed. Fenstermacher noted the station had received a request from Mike Tillotson to air "Roast the Reverend" on November 13, 1997. The program is in honor of an area reverend's retirement.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEG Commission will be held on January 28, 1998 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Manistee City Hall.

Citizen comments were presented from Tex Collins.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Bajtko, Secretary